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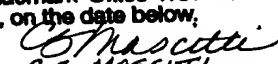
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Dear Sir:

In response to the February 14, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~40~~ and ~~50~~:

Please amend claims 39, 45, 48, and 49 as follows:

39. (Amended) In a method for making a non-porous body of high purity fused silica glass comprising the steps of:

(a) producing a gas stream containing a silicon-containing compound in vapor form capable of being converted through thermal decomposition with oxidation or flame hydrolysis to SiO₂;

(b) passing said gas stream into the flame of a combustion burner to form amorphous particles of fused SiO₂;

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